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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006, for which a response is initially due on or before September 9, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.